

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. [2017-370-E](#), [2017-207-E](#), and [2017-305-E](#) ORDER NO. 2018-135-H

OCTOBER 2, 2018

David Butler
Hearing Officer

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Docket No. 2017-370-E – Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans

Docket No. 2017-207-E – Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club, Complainant/Petitioner v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Defendant/Respondent

Docket No. 2017-305-E – Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

SCE&G Response Time to ORS Motion to Compel Removal of Confidential Designation and Time for the ORS Reply to the SCE&G Response

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) has filed a document entitled “Motion to Compel Removal of Confidential Designation.” The Motion, *inter alia*, requests that South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) be compelled to remove the confidential designation from documents produced in discovery that, according to the ORS Motion, “do not have a legitimate basis for being marked confidential.” 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-829 (A) (2012) states that, although responses to motions are due within ten days after service of such motion, and replies to responses shall be filed within five days of service of the response, these times may be modified by the Commission or its designee for good cause.

As part of the present Motion filed by ORS, that agency requests an expedited review, and there is a good reason for this request, since hearings on these nuclear dockets begin on November 1, 2018. The question of whether or not certain documents should be made public is an important one. Accordingly, I find good cause to shorten the times for response to the Motion found in the regulation. Response times shall be as follows:

SCE&G shall file and serve its response to the Motion by Noon on Thursday, October 4, 2018;

ORS shall file its reply to the response by Noon on Monday, October 8, 2018.

This ends the Hearing Officer's Directive.